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# News Release

## **ICE TAKES CUSTODY OF TWO VIOLENT CRIMINALS**

*Criminals recently completed prison sentences in Florida*

ORLANDO—A 22-year-old citizen of Honduras who served a four-year prison term for attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder with a deadly weapon is now in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody.

Elvis Sanchez was taken into ICE custody on Tuesday by detention and removal officers following the completion of his criminal sentence at the Pensacola Correction Institute in Florida. Sanchez was found ineligible for any immigration relief and was ordered removed by an immigration judge on Feb. 18, 2003.

Also taken into ICE custody is 28-year-old, Loverly Montes de Oca of the Dominican Republic. Montes de Oca was sentenced in June 2001 on charges of kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily harm and terrorize with a weapon. An immigration judge revoked Montes de Oca's lawful permanent residency status and issued him a final order of removal on Dec. 3, 2001.

"ICE is promoting public safety by ensuring that criminals like Sanchez and De Oca no longer threaten our communities," said Michael Rozos, field office director for the Miami office. "By working closely with state corrections and law enforcement partners, ICE is able to identify and deport criminal aliens before they return to the streets to potentially commit additional crimes."

Both Sanchez and De Oca are in ICE custody awaiting removal from the United States.

# ICE #

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.*